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Dear Food & Drug Administration,

I understand you are considering legislation that would require mandatory pasteurization of all fresh juice. PLEASE DON'T.

Have you ever tasted the difference between fresh-squeezed juice compared to any that's not? Try squeezing your orange juice fresh one morning, then compare the taste to canned or frozen concentrate.

Although there have been instances in which unsafe manufacturing practices have had negative impacts on health, they have been extremely rare. It seems obvious to me that the benefits far outweigh the risks. In fact, it seems analogous to removing all fresh fruits and vegetables from grocery store shelves, or disallowing restaurants to serve salads.

When juice is pasteurized the process kills the enzymes needed to make the vitamins, minerals, and hormones that occur naturally, do their work. As a busy mother, I depend on the convenience of being able to buy fresh juice to serve as an alternative to the traditional vegetable course with my children's dinners.

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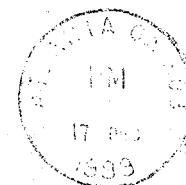
I don't understand the rationale behind allowing processed, preserved & dyed foods, but not allowing <sup>delicious</sup> a proven pure source of health benefits.

Include a warning label on the packaging, if you must, but please leave me the choice.

Sincerely,

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